

MINUTES
Sine Die Meeting of the Mayor and Council
Tuesday, December 27, 2022
7:00 PM

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Marana called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at 116 Paris Avenue, Northvale, New Jersey 07647.

STATEMENT

Mayor Marana read the Open Public Meetings Act Notice into the record as follows:

“This is the Sine Die Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale. The date, time and location of this meeting have been advertised in the official Newspapers of the Borough, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building. All notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been fulfilled. Please note the fire exits as required by law at public meetings.”

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Marana asked everyone to rise and join him in a salute to the flag led by Fran Weston. Mayor Marana asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence remembering all the troops wherever they may be stationed.

Mayor Marana asked for a roll call of the Council:

Mayor Marana	Present	Councilman Hogan	Present
Councilman Argiro	Present	Councilman McGuire	Present
Councilman DeLisio	Present	Councilwoman McMorrow	Present
Councilman Devlin	Present		

Other Officials Present:

Deena Rosendahl, via conference call
Councilman-Elect Mattessich
Councilman-Elect Menafra
Frances Weston – Municipal Clerk

AWARDS & PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Marana presented Certificates of Recognition to Council President DeLisio and Councilman Devlin thanking them for their years on the Council. Everyone commends and thanks them for their commitment to the Council and loyalty to Northvale residents.

Council President DeLisio presented Mayor Marana with a plaque thanking him for his years as Councilman and Mayor. Council President DeLisio tells everyone that Mayor Marana has done incredible work to help the finances get back in order, the settled Paris Square issue that was going on for 15 years and our bond rating was improved. He did so many things singlehandedly and got so many things done. He also received a certificate from members of the Senate.

Council President DeLisio also mentioned that in his last report he did not mention that Chief Ostrow was honored at the Bergen County Police Academy graduation ceremony on December 16th, receiving the Chief’s achievement award from Bergen County Police Chief’s Association for his dedication, professionalism, leadership and commitment to his community. He also tells the Chief it has been a pleasure working with him.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Marana asked for a motion and second to approve the minutes of the Combined Meeting of December 14, 2022 AND Closed Session Meeting of December 14, 2022.

Motion made by Council President DeLisio, seconded by Councilman Argiro.

Mayor Marana asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Hogan	Yes
Councilman DeLisio	Yes	Councilman McGuire	Yes
Councilman Devlin	Yes	Councilwoman McMorrow	Yes

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

The following reports are on file in the Municipal Clerk’s office and can be viewed by the public between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- Building Department
- Colliers Engineering
- Fire Prevention
- Millenium Strategies
- Recreation Minutes
- Tax Collector

RESOLUTIONS – Consent Agenda

“All items are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Any item may be removed for further discussion or for a roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.”

Mayor Marana asked for a motion and second to approve Consent Agenda Resolutions #2022-181 through 2022-186. Motion made by Councilman Devlin, seconded by Councilwoman McMorrow.

RESOLUTION #2022-181

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER MARTONE AS TEMPORARY JUDGE FOR THE NORTHVALE MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-5, a temporary judge may be appointed to meet a special need of limited duration; and

WHEREAS, with the written consent of the Assignment Judge of the vicinage, a municipality may appoint one or more temporary municipal judges; and

WHEREAS, Northvale previously appointed Robert Hauser to serve as the Municipal Judge for the Borough of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hauser has, at times, been unable to serve due to temporary personal reason necessitating the appointment of a temporary municipal Judge in his sted; and

WHEREAS, request was made to the Bergen County Assignment Judge, Judge Misdol, requesting authorization to appoint a Temporary Judge for the Borough of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, by notice dated December 2, 2022 attached to this Resolution, the Borough has received authorization to appoint by resolution one temporary Judge for the Northvale Municipal Court for a period not to exceed one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Martone is a member of the New Jersey Bar in good standing and has applied to serve as the Temporary Judge of the Municipal Court of the Borough of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to appoint Christopher Martone as the Temporary Municipal Judge of the Borough of Northvale.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Christopher Martone is hereby appointed as the Temporary Municipal Judge effective immediately, at a rate of \$250.00 per Court Session for a term not to exceed one (1) year.

RESOLUTION #2022-182

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER MAZZILLI

WHEREAS, Christopher Mazzilli was promoted to the position Captain of the Northvale Police Department on September 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is the best interest of the Borough to provide a contract of employment to Christopher Mazzilli detailing the Borough’s and Captain Mazzilli’s expectations and benefits of employment (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has prepared and reviewed the Contract, annexed to this Resolution, and recommends the Governing Body authorize the execution of the Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Contract attached to this Resolution said Contract being effective as of the date of Captain Mazzilli’s promotion of September 28, 2022.

RESOLUTION #2022-183

TITLE: CANCELLING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CURRENT FUND OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022 TOTALING \$115,000

WHEREAS, unexpended balances exist in the 2022 Operating Budget for Current Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to officially cancel such balances so funds can be transferred to Surplus at year-end, and anticipated as Revenue item in the following year budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale, County of Bergen, New Jersey, that unexpended balances in the amount of \$115,000 listed below, be cancelled and lapsed to Surplus.

POLICE	SW	1-01-25-240-100	\$ 40,000.00
AMBULANCE	OE	1-01-25-260-200	\$ 10,000.00
STREETS ROADS	SW	1-01-26-290-100	\$ 60,000.00
CONSTRUTION CODE	SW	1-01-22-195-100	\$ 5,000.00

TOTAL \$115,000.00

RESOLUTION #2022-184

TITLE: VOIDING AND CANCELLING OUTSTANDING CHECKS ISSUED PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 2022 THAT ARE STALE DATED

WHEREAS, outstanding checks exist in Various Bank Accounts of the Borough of Northvale; and

WHEREAS, checks that remain outstanding for six months or more become stale-dated and cannot be cashed by the financial institution; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the auditor that stale-dated checks be canceled.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that any checks issued prior to June 30, 2022 that remain outstanding be cancelled and funds be transferred back to the respective funds.

RESOLUTION #2022-185

TITLE: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE CURRENT FUND BUDGET FOR 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40:4-49 permits the transfer of appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year from accounts showing unexpended balances to accounts in which commitments may exceed the original budgeted appropriations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached transfers are hereby authorized in the total amount of \$2,500.

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	ACCOUNT #	GROUP	FROM	TO
Financial Administration	2-01-20-130-100	S&W	\$2,500	
Building & Grounds	2-01-26-310-200	O&E		\$2,500

RESOLUTION #2022-186

TITLE: PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Northvale in the following amounts under various funds of the borough:

Current Fund Appropriations (2021)	
Current Fund Appropriations (2022)	\$ 94,987.27
General Capital Fund	\$292,250.55
Grant Fund	
Animal Trust	
Police DEA Trust	\$9,516.00
Escrow Trust	\$13,289.75
Affordable Housing Trust	
Recreation Trust	\$3,275.66
Summer Recreation Trust	
TOTAL	\$413,319.23

WHEREAS, above claims have been listed and summarized in the attached Bills List Report, and the corresponding vouchers have been reviewed and approved by the department head, council liaison, finance committee, and/or the chief financial officer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for such purposes and are available in the Borough of Northvale, and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the finance committee, be paid and checks issued accordingly; and

WHEREAS, claims have already been paid in the following amounts for the purposes specified below during the course of the year:

Payroll – Salaries & Wages		
Payroll – Salaries & Wages	12-20-2022	\$194,175.95
Payroll- Salaries & Wages	12-05-2022	\$141,736.44
Health Benefits	November 2022	\$53,382.76
County Taxes		
County Open Space Tax		
Northvale Board OF Education	December 2022 November 2022	\$839,838.17. \$839,838.17
Northern Valley Regional High School District		\$583,641.80
Amboy Bank- Bond Interest		\$6,325.58
Capital Fund- Principal Payment on Notes		\$115,000
Amboy Bank- Repayment of Bond Anticipation Note		\$1,471,450
TOTAL		\$4,658,708.10

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Northvale that the claims totaling **\$4,658,708.10** and ratified respectively.

Mayor Marana asked for a roll call vote of the Council:

Councilman Argiro	Yes	Councilman Hogan	Yes
Councilman DeLisio	Yes	Councilman McGuire	Yes
Councilman Devlin	Yes	Councilwoman McMorro	Yes

Council Comments

Councilman Argiro – thanked Mayor Marana, Lou, and Ed. It has been a pleasure and honor to work with each of them and he has learned something from each and every one of them.

Councilman Devlin – tells the Council that it has been a pleasure to work with Pat these last few years. Thank you to everyone.

Council President DeLisio – it has been a pleasure to work with everyone. He wishes the next administration the best. If anyone needs to reach out, feel free.

Councilman McGuire – commend you Pat on the job that you have done.

Mayor Marana – Millenium Strategies, our Grantwriter, showed in their year end report that the Borough was awarded almost \$350,000 this year. There is a total of \$500,000 in requested funds still pending. There is also the \$1.55 million that we have requested.

Mayor Marana tells the council that as soon as we take this vote, this 2022 council goes into sunset, it no longer is a legislative body. Thank you to all for successful few years. Best of luck to 2023 council.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council President DeLisio, seconded by Councilman Devlin to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. All were in favor to adjourn.

Joseph E. McGuire

Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances M. Weston

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Municipal Clerk

Approved: January 19, 2023